(c) if so, the details thereof including the status of such extensions *e.g.* whether full campus or only study centres for conducting some management skill development programmes or franchise etc. and terms of enrolment of potential students at such extensions;

(d) whether Government's approval has been accorded to their proposals;

(e) if so, the basis thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons for refusing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The information is being collected from IIMs and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(b) to (f) The Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore is currently examining the viability of setting up a campus abroad.

Security to academics

127. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the academics are against heavy security on campuses;

(b) if so, whether Government had held talks with them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Academic institutions are autonomous bodies, and decisions relating to security in campuses are taken by them as per their own requirements. As such, Government has no role to play in such issues unless approached by institutions with specific security concerns, if any.

Telecast of IGNOU programmes

128. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indira Gandhi National Open University telecasts educational programmes in English and Hindi through Gyan Darshan;

(b) if so, since when along with the details of the programmes;

(c) whether Government have any plan to telecast such educational programmes in other Indian languages as well; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) educational programmes are transmitted by them in English and Hindi through Gyan Darshan—1 channel since January 26, 2000. It is now a 24 hour satellite based national educational and development channel which offers informative programmes of relevance and value to various categories of learners. These programmes are contributed by major educational institutions such as IGNOU, UGC, NCERT, IITs, etc.

(c) and (d) Sanskrit language programmes are being telecast by IGNOU twice in a day on Gyan Darshan since 6th September, 2003. The regular transmission of Urdu programmes is also being done on Gyan Darshan since 27th October, 2005.

Unhygienic food being served as mid-day meal

129. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unhygienic food is being served to school children under Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by Government to provide hygienic food under mid-day meal to school children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Government of Bihar has informed that a few complaints regarding poor quality of food served under Mid-Day Meal Scheme were received. District magistrates have been asked to enquire into the matter.